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THE Indulgent Brow having let loose the Golden Reins of Discipline, hath caused an immundation of Error and Distraction in our Church and State; and it is no wonder if at any time the Bridle of Government be slackned, when the snaffle that should keep it steady and even, hath lost its two Bodies, Fear and Punishment.

By a Gentleman that came this Evening out of Cheshire, a relation was brought of the proceeding of the Rebels of England, that Sir George Booth is the principal man that yet appears to head them; That he commands in chief over them, with the Title of Lieutenant General, and this command it was said he should retain till the coming of *Massy*, who they expected would be able to bring them great Forces, and accordingly they published it every where to encourage the people to come in to them. That for the carrying on of their design, a correspondence was held betwixt them and Lancashire, many of the principal Gentry of both Counties being engag'd. In Cheshire, besides Sir George, there is Col. Henry Brook, Major Peter Brook, a Member of the present Parliament, the Lord Kilmorey, and his Brother, Mr. Nathaniel Booth, brother of Sir George, and Col. John Booth his Uncle, some of the name of Egerton, and Warburton, and Mr. Leigh of Lymo; divers others are named, but we waite for more certainty concerning them.

In Lancashire is the Earl of Derby, Col. Gilbert Ireland, and other of the Gentry, whose names we yet have not; the chief Scene of Action being in the other County, whither they of Lancashire have promised to march to them. In the mean while, the Leaders of Cheshire have summoned in their Friends, and Tenants, but with what mind they go you may imagine, when

they dare not do otherwise, because they hold under their Landlords. They have framed a Declaration, wherein it's said, they are so crafty, as to conceal any thing of *Charles Stuart*, lest it should fright the more sober sort of men: and it's said, that when Sir *George Booth* marched first to *Warrington*, a Fellow that could contain no longer, but he must proclaim *Charles*, was told he had like to have spoil'd all, and for it was laid by the heels; but their Declaration is contrived only with such specious pretences, as may best serve to catch the People.

This Declaration was first spread in the principal Towns, and then, that it might not want the old cover of all Treasons, it had the shadow of Religion to countenance it; for the last Lords day the Ministers made use of it to make sheep indeed of their Parishioners, after they had first read it in their respective Churches.

This day, came Accounts from several parts, from *Worcester*, that a design of Rebellion was laid likewise in that County, and for that purpose a Troop of Horse was formed to begin with, but before they could get right into their gears, they were visited by a party of the Parliaments faithful friends, and dispersed, and some of their Horse were taken; whereupon the City of *Worcester* hath since been put into a good posture, and a course is taken to secure that County, there being no more news of any stir, than is in the other Counties where Rebellion hath been nip'd in the Bud.

From *Staffordshire* came advice, that the Moorlanders of that County, hearing what work was on Foot in *Cheshire*, immediately arose into a Body, to the number of about a thousand men, declaring for the Parliament, being under the Command and Conduct of Major *Gent*, one that hath always manifested a firm affection, and they are ready to joyn with any Forces that shall appear for the Parliament.

From *Wrexham* in *Denbighshire* came notice, that a party was come out of *Cheshire*, and had secured *Chester* castle, a house of Sir *Thomas Middleton*, but not tenable, because it is wholly destitute of Water. Whither Sir *Thomas* were consenting to this surprise, cannot yet be positively affirmed, therefore we forbear till we receive a more certain account.

This evening came a person from *Cheshire* (who had been held)

held a prisoner a while by the Enemy, but got away again) to bring an account to the Council of State, who relate thereby, That the Rebels were in the City, but without great Guns; and that Col. Cromwell held the Castle for the Parliament; whom they sent in a Summons; and with it they sent him also a fine Army of *Masseys*, having 8000 men, with which he had defeated the Parliaments Forces, and was marching with all speed to joyn with them; nevertheless, the Governour returned them a resolute answer from the Castle, That he would maintain it against them with the last drop of his blood. Moreover, that Sir George Booth had appointed himself a Lifeguard; that the number of his Forces were betwixt three or four thousand; that Col. Ireland had promised to bring eighteen hundred more to them out of Lancashire, but the Earl of Derby could do little, having but a slender interest: That they were to draw all their Forces together, as on Wednesday last, upon Roston Heath; but it was conceived they could not much augment their number, because a good part of the Country was against them, and were raising Forces also to oppose them.

We had several confirmations of the manner of *Masseys* escape, but no news which way he is gone: His man is in custody, and his Papers are brought up, amongst which, one is a Declaration of his own with his name to it, made up of the like stuff with that of Sir George Booths, to draw men into the snare; but he was happily prevented in those places, where he supposed he might have found an interest: But as it was but little there, so he hath less in any other part of the Nation.

The Lord Lambs being appointed to be Commander of the forces which are to be employed for the suppressing of this Rebellion, is still upon his march, setting forward with three Regiments of Horse, one of Dragoons, and three of Foot, and a Train of Artillery; and he marcheth with all expedition: Numbers of other forces are to joyn with him in several Countries by the way; so that we doubt not (through the blessing of God) he will in a short time give a good account of the enemy, in whose country a body of forces also will be ready raised to joyn with him at his arrival;

This night also Gen. *Dixons* advanced toward the West of England, where another Body of Forces will be ready for him.

to issue those parts against any Design that may be laid close upon their presence, which whatsoever they be, yet since the Interest of *Charles Stuart* is Ten^o among them, it would turn (should he ever prevail) to the confusion of those very *hot Heads*, which were formerly against him, but now so forward to bring him in. But our Trust is in God, who gives strength and Victory, and hath already given evidence of his blessing, upon the wisdom and care of the Parliament and Council of States, by checking the rise of some grand plotted Insurrections, and by restraining the fury of the rest laid in other parts of the Nation.

News of the Insurrection in the South hath so awakened the well-affected here, that though the Act of Parliament for calling the *Militia* came but forth instant, yet the Commissioners sat all day and night for raising Horse and Foot, and truly the number will be very considerable.

This day the Judges were entertain'd very gallantly into this City with such a company of new raised men, that it is judged the like hath not been in England in so short a time.

There is no sign of the raising of any Malignants in these parts; but it is the general cry amongst them, it is the Presbyterian design.

This day's Accomp^t concerning *Cheshire*, confirms what was in the last; adding this, That their proclaiming of *Charles Stuart* hath not increased their number. The principal persons among them, whose names have not yet been mentioned, are,

The Lord Chelmsford	Son of the Baron of Kidder-
Mr. Thomas Marbury	son.
Mr. Chelmsford of Vale-Royal	Sir William Neile.
Major General Egerton	Philip Egerton.
Col. Warden	Major Philip.
Col. Shakerley	Mr. Thomas Nellam Brother
Mr. Piers Leigh	to the Lord Kilmury.

Several persons were brought in, that were engaged in the present design, viz. George Gata, Edward Gata, one Stone, one Daily, and four others, who were taken near Margate, and are committed to the Gaolhouse.

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The three English Regiments which lately served in Flanders, arriving this week in England by Order, are advanced to Dartford in Kent, and are to quarter there this night.

This evening divers of the persons engaged in the Insurrection which was to have been about Tonbridge in Kent, being found in a house not far from Lincoln Inn, were this evening brought hither Prisoners; by name,

<i>Robert Pemberton</i>	<i>John Gauden</i>
<i>Robert Rivers</i>	<i>John Edes of Lincoln Inn</i>
<i>William Price</i>	<i>John Allen</i>
<i>Theodore Lincoln</i>	<i>Garret Rhodes</i>
<i>Cuthbert Hausewood</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>Walter Buchanan Dr. of Physick</i>	<i>John Allouard</i>

One Harry, an Agent of Charles Stewart, a dangerous person, and one, who being formerly in Custody, made an escape being apprehended again, was this day committed to the Tower.

An account was brought, that *Hartling Castle*, belonging to the late Lord Chief Justice Grey, hath been surprized by a party from Chipping & but a place not much considerable, it being kept only by a few Servants. Sir William Waller and several other Gentlemen were taken by a Troop of Horse at Mr. Bunting's publick near Maidstone, about one of the Clock in the morning; Most of which giving a fair Accomplice of themselves, had their discharge.

Thursday August 14. The great Incendiary Hugh Parris died at Brickhill in Bedfordshire, full of Distraction and Confusion in his judgement.

The Lord Lichfield is supposed to meet the Cheshire Forces very suddenly his Quarters being at Lichfield on Thursday last. There is great Expectation by the contrary Party; But the Issue we shall leave to him that befores all Victories.

On Thursday last Sir George Booth was within twelve Miles of York, where he made his Rendezvous; and it is thought unless the Parliament forces prevail against him, that he will surprise the City, no sooner is he come into Play than he will march

There

There is a Report concerning the Lord Mayor's and his
doubling of the truth thereto, we shall leave it till the
next.

It is rumored that the Citizens of London were very im-
portunate for a Quarter-Hill; but the Lord Mayor suppos-
ing it not convenient hath desired the Common-Council to
put it off till another day.

There was a most horrid and bloody design set on foot in
the City of Gloucester intending there to have murdered all the
Independents and Anabaptists, and others whom they call Sectaries.
And the better to effect this most damnable plot, there
was a List secretly taken of the Names of all the Independents
and Anabaptists in the City: and the time appointed for the
execution of this bloody action, and such as should be the Ex-
ecutioners, had their places and persons appointed, whom to
Massacre in this manner. But it pleased God, that the very
day before the night came, in which this work of darkness
should have bin done, some of those vile wretches fell out
among themselves: Whereupon, the thing was discovered by
some of themselves: and many innocent persons preserved
from the hands of these Murderers.

The Council of State being informed that the Congrega-
tional Churches, and others really affested to the Parliament
and Common-wealth, in and about the City of London, had a
little regard therelised into a posture of defence against the
Common Enemy, not only remissed them shanks for their good
affection, but gave them encouragement to proceed in their
good defences. Whereupon, three Regiments are suddenly to be
raised; and the Colonels already chosen and approved by the
Council, viz. Sir Henry Kemps, Maj. Gen. Shropshire, and Col. Phibis
of the Yeomen in the Tower. London, 20th of January, 1648.

The Citizens of London seem to be much discontented,
because there are so many Sectaries and Anabaptists in Arms;
but their Fears are groundless; for the Parliament have no
other Design but to secure the Peace of the Nation.

The Countries are much disturbed at these new Insurrections,
because they have not yet got in their Men: supposing
that their men will be employed otherwise; but we hope
better things, for we shall be more troubled for want of Bread,
than they for want of men.

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